

OFFICE OF STRATEGIC SERVICES

INTEROFFICE MEMO

TO: Mr. Bowden ✓
FROM: Major Lowman ✓
SUBJECT: Alexander G. Barmine

DATE: Nov. 28, 1942

I told Mr. Sellar, in charge of the Bellmore Plant, your plans for Mr. Barmine. I gathered from Mr. Ullman's conversation that he had fully discussed with Mr. Barmine the way of obtaining him for your offices after his being inducted into the Army.

With this possible induction staring him in the face and the necessity of getting out the special work for Major Barmine, I suggested that the manager of the plant advise him to spend all his time on the translation. Because of his difficulty with the English translation, Van Item is assisting him.

Mr. Barmine mentioned something about a special military Russian Dictionary that one of your contacts had let him use but had taken back. I had one here which I sent along to him, but I am not sure that it is the particular one he had been using. The one he needs is the Moscow Edition, and the one I had was not.

I think also something should be determined as to what he is to do with the document in case he cannot get through it before he is inducted. I presume you do not want it trotting around to Army camps; and, therefore, proper arrangements should be made to get it back until he can be brought down here to finish it.

Mr. Sellar tells me that Mr. Van Item has been doing some pretty heavy drinking off and on lately, so it is just as well, with that and the other things you tell me about him, that we didn't bring him down. Since this goes for Mr. Maher too, we will have to try and set up some way that the translation of the intercepts can be carried on down here. The two languages most used are, of course, French and Spanish; and perhaps the best method would be to have the material sent here for straight translation. The matter of correlating the material shouldn't be very difficult.

I would like to have your own views on this matter.

*Routed to
Sanning McFarland*

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